

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-4, 6-11, and 21-26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 28-40 have been newly added. Claims 28-40 are currently pending. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that new claims 28-40 are not disclosed or suggested by the prior art of record. Of new claims 28 - 40, claims 28 and 34 are independent claims.

Claim 28 is directed to an information retrieval system that retrieves information requested by a client machine from a remote server via a network. The system includes an intermediate server and at least one application plug-in. The intermediate server is coupled to a network and is configured to securely connect with a network browser of the client machine via a secure socket layer (SSL) connection, and in response to requests received from the client machine over the SSL connection, form a connection with the remote server to obtain data on behalf of the client machine. The at least one application plug-in installed on the intermediate server, the application plug-in alters the data obtained on behalf of the client machine. The intermediate server returns the altered data to the client machine via the SSL connection as an HTML document for display by the of the client machine. Applicant submits that the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest the intermediate server and the at least one application plug-in, as recited in claim 28.

Claim 34 is directed to a an intermediary server device including a web server, a handler, and a parser. The web server receives requests for resources from a client machine via a network, the requests being secure requests that are received via SSL connections. The handler is operatively coupled to the web server and receives the requests for resources, modifies the


requests when the requests are intended for remote servers, and forwarding the modified requests for resources to the remote servers. The parser receives the resources supplied by the remote servers in response to the modified requests and alters the resources. The web server returns the altered resources to the client machine via the SSL connections as HTML documents for display by a browser on the client machine. Applicant submits that the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest the the web server, the handler, and the parser recited in claim 34.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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